

Fair Tonight and Saturday; Colder.

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## SOCIETY SOLDIER, COURT-MARTIALED, QUITS THE ARMY

Millionaire Grandson of Man  
for Whom Ft. Myer Was  
Named Again Free.

## TO GUARDHOUSE FROM BALLROOM

Albert J. Myer Had Valet to Help  
Change Clothes and Escape  
Trouble With Officers.

### Ordeal of Being a Soldier Worth a Million

Albert J. Myer, a millionaire soldier, fined \$50 and sentenced to three months in prison.

Attended social functions in Washington to which superior officers had been invited.

Keeps valet while serving an enlistment at Fort Myer in order to more speedily change his soldier's uniform for evening dress.

Social functions in Boston get him into trouble.

Enlistment runs out before sentence is passed upon, and he thereby escapes the rigors of life of a soldier in an army garrison.

High society and soldiering for Uncle Sam will not mix any more than oil and water.

The experiment has been tried and found impossible by Albert J. Myer, grandson of the famous civil war veteran for whom Fort Myer was named.

Myer, a millionaire clubman, erstwhile cavalry private, and later corporal in the Signal Corps stationed at the reservation overlooking Washington.

Thirty-six months of Albert J. Myer's social life are well known in Washington, New York, and Boston.

Today they were started by the announcement from the War Department that "Corporal Albert J. Myer be reduced to the grade of private, be confined at hard labor for three months, and to forfeit \$50 salary."

The sentence was made public today following a court-martial at which Myer was tried on the specific charge of neglect of duty, commonly termed "making French leave."

Out of Guardhouse.

As startling as if not more so than the sentence itself, was the news which leaked out with the sentence that Myer has been in prison since August.

But even in this cup of woes for the ambitious young man who wanted to work up from the ranks to the same glory accorded his illustrious grandfather, scintillates one large drop of the oilment of comfort.

For while former Corporal Myer was confined in the guardhouse his enlistment expired. Therefore, he is once more free to trip the light fantastic in the same ballrooms, where former superior officers who are lucky enough to slip conceptions from the same clubroom glass which has been touched by the martial lips of those same superior officers who are lucky enough to have private fortunes that enable them to belong to the same exclusive organizations as Albert J. Myer.

In Social Swirl.

Details of the offense of neglect of duty, of which Myer was found guilty, are wanting. It is understood, however, that while the young corporal's troop was in Boston last summer he was invited to numerous social functions and one of the teas was to be held in the afternoon chamber by Myer's commander, for the enlisted men to pack their kits and prepare for a speedy return to Fort Myer.

Of course, this order didn't affect the epauleted officers, whose only duty consisted in returning to quarters and wearing a well-tailored suit and their costumes from full dress to field marching uniforms. Now, Corporal Myer, so goes the gossip, was not outdone in this valet matter by his superior officers. But—and it was a big one—that valet was somewhat handicapped in performing the orders of his master. He came in very handily at Fort Myer when Myer rushed from a hard drill to footless evening gaiters for a ramble into the cozy corners and tea rooms of homes along Massachusetts avenue and sixteenth street.

Myer, it is understood, attended the Boston function, but was unable to doff his high silk tie and truck coat rapidly enough and don the habiliments of a soldier in time to catch the troop train. It was enough, Myer was "brought up on the carpet," and today he is without a "cob."

Young Myer has had a unique career as a soldier. As far as is known, and his friends say they know whereof they speak, he will not enlist. His army career began when he failed to get into West Point because

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## WEATHER REPORT.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.  
Fair tonight and Saturday; colder to night, with heavy frost; brisk westerly winds.

| TEMPERATURES. |    |
|---------------|----|
| 8 a. m.       | 44 |
| 9 a. m.       | 44 |
| 10 a. m.      | 44 |
| 11 a. m.      | 45 |
| 12 noon       | 49 |
| 1 p. m.       | 50 |
| 2 p. m.       | 51 |

SUN TABLE.

Sun rises.....6:22

Sun sets.....5:30

TIDE TABLE.

Today—High tide, 4:23 a. m. and 4:53 p. m.; low tide, 11:27 a. m. and 5:24 p. m.

Tomorrow—High tide, 5:24 a. m. and 5:54 p. m.; low tide, 11:32 a. m. and 5:24 p. m.

## POLICE CHARGE MOB ON FIFTH AVENUE

Women Flee for Safety From  
Strike Riots In Front of  
Helen Gould's Home.

## SYMPATHY FOR JERSEY DRIVERS

Many Injured on Both Sides of  
North River As Wage Demand  
Continues to Spread.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—A dozen mounted police re-enforced by a score of blue-coats on foot, charged into 250 striking drivers and helpers of the American Express Company in front of the home of Helen Gould, on Fifth avenue, when they jeered one of the company officials who urged them to return to work.

Fifth avenue at that point was crowded with hundreds of women and scores of vehicles. The women fled for safety through the side streets as the strikers were driven down the thoroughfare. General Agent Balfour of the express company followed the men after they got their feet. He was accompanied by a number of bluecoats who had been on guard outside the express depot. He began urging the strikers to return to work and the rioting followed.

Spreads to New York.

The strike, which started in Jersey City last Monday when an advance of \$5 a month was refused, spread to this city today.

Employees abandoned their wagons and announced they would stay out until the wage increase is granted. Several strike riots occurred, and a number of strike-breakers were dragged from their wagons and beaten.

Police charged the crowds with drawn clubs, and there were some heads broken. The strike threatens to spread to all of the organized teamsters in the city, and if it does, serious trouble will result. The Department of Labor has been notified, and it is likely its mediators will try to arrange a compromise.

Strike-Breakers Beaten.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Oct. 28.—Rioting was resumed this morning at the Erie ferry terminal, when a one-horse wagon from New York, Two blocks from the ferry, ate Kelo street, the harness was cut, the horse whipped, and sent galloping up Pavonia avenue, and strikers and their sympathizers attacked the driver and his two helpers. The driver was dragged to the street and beaten. He was covered with blood when rescued by police. The two helpers escaped and jumped into a patrol wagon after being kicked and punched by the mob. The horse was attached to the wagon again, after a policeman had captured it, and to the accompaniment of a volley of stones, the wagon was escorted to the Wells-Fargo stables.

At 10:30 o'clock a gang of fifty strike breakers arrived from New York, and emerged from the McAdoo street station. They were attacked by strikers and helpers, who had been "tipped off" and were deprived of their night sticks and billy bats. Nearly all escaped. The remainder said they "had enough of Jersey," and begged the police to take them back to the city. They were accommodated.

No express matter is moving today. The strike has stopped all business in the city. The situation is complete control of the situation. This morning a mob of 150 sympathizers started a car, and several women were injured.

Troops Await Need.

TRENTON, N. J., Oct. 28.—As a result of disorder which broke out last night, State troops were today ordered to Trenton to be held in readiness to act at the moment the situation passes beyond the control of the police. In the rioting last night two policemen were hurt and are in the hospital today.

A dozen wagons from which the drivers and helpers were driven, have been burned in the street.

Football Given Up  
AT WESTERN HIGH

School Team Cancels Schedule and Disbands for the Season.

Western High School today canceled its football schedule for this season and disbanded its team.

This action may mean the cancellation of the entire interhigh school football schedule.

Accidents to players, deaths, and scholarship disqualifications, according to a statement given out today by Miss E. M. Wescott, principal of the school, are the reasons for this action.

In view of these facts it seems little less than foolhardy to enter the crippled team in competition with the seasoned and well-trained teams of Central, Business and McKinley High Schools.

"This belief is strengthened by the fact that in the first game in which the Western team participated one player was seriously injured. In view, therefore, of these conditions the Western High School withdraws from further participation in football this season."

"In doing so the school remains fully responsible for any and all financial obligations entered upon at the opening of the season. This action has the fullest approval of the faculty."

## LABORERS KILLED ON RAILWAY TRACK

PIEDMONT, W. Va., Oct. 28.—A passenger train plowed through a gang of Italian workmen today, killing three and fatally injuring two.

## DIVORCE OBTAINED IN SOUTH DAKOTA WORTHLESS HERE

So Rules Justice Stafford In  
Opinion Handed Down  
Today.

## NATIONAL QUESTION RAISED BY RULING

Also Involves Legality of Marriage  
of South Dakota Divorcees  
In District.

### Justice Stafford's View on Dakota Divorce

South Dakota divorce decrees are worthless in the District, holds Justice Stafford.

A wife cannot be expected to travel 1,500 miles to answer a false complaint.

This court is not bound to recognize the decree of another State court unless that court has jurisdiction of both parties.

Such a decree cannot be allowed to interfere with the right of a wife to her husband's support where he has remarried.

Divorce decrees obtained in South Dakota courts will be worthless in the District of Columbia, if an opinion handed down today by Justice Stafford, of the District Supreme Court, holds.

"Is it for the public interest that divorces of this character should be held good?" asks Justice Stafford in the course of his lengthy opinion, and he answers it by declaring invalid a decree obtained in South Dakota by Milton E. Davis divorcing him from Anna D. Davis.

The case in question is the suit brought by Mrs. Davis for an absolute divorce from her husband and for alimony. The answer made to the petition by the husband was that he had obtained an absolute divorce from his wife in South Dakota on December 23, 1907, having gone to that State on April 24, 1907, for that purpose.

Raises National Question.

In rendering the opinion Justice Stafford raises a national legal question pertaining to the so-called "snap divorces," and it is probable that the issue will be carried to the court of last resort.

Another legal point involved in the decision was the legality of marriages of South Dakota divorcees in the District of Columbia. The clerk, who was named as the co-respondent in his wife's divorce suit. The marriage took place in South Dakota, but under Justice Stafford's ruling has no legal status in the suit brought by Mrs. Davis.

Davis is an employee of the Merchants' Parcel Delivery, and earns about \$18 a week. It is claimed. He and Mrs. Davis were born in the District and were married in Washington March 26, 1902. The couple separated in 1903, and did not live together after that time. Davis obtained his South Dakota divorce on the grounds of desertion, and three weeks later he was married to Daisy Shepherd.

Stafford's Opinion.

After reviewing the evidence in the case, which he declared showed that "that Davis wrongfully left the District of Columbia to escape his marital obligations," Justice Stafford says in part:

"Inasmuch as the defendant was the party in the wrong and deserted his wife and left this jurisdiction in these circumstances it follows that the court of South Dakota had no jurisdiction over her and no right to bind her by its decree. The matrimonial domicile was here, and here it remained. There is no reason why she should go 1,500 miles to answer his false complaint. She did not 'sue' to the jurisdiction of that court, and whatever may be its effect in South Dakota it is of no effect here."

"South Dakota grants an absolute divorce for various causes, including desertion, as in this case. In the District of Columbia divorces are granted for one cause only, and that cause is not desertion."

Consequences Serious.

"It is true the consequences of a refusal to recognize the decree may be serious to the defendants, but so would be the consequence to the plaintiff of recognizing the decree."

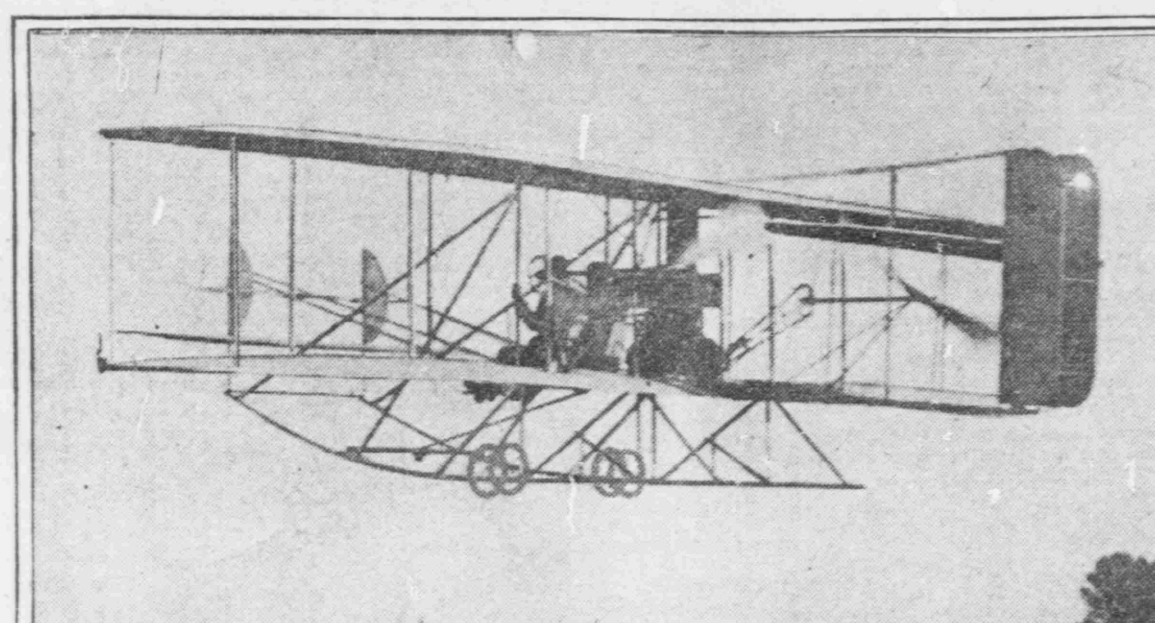
"Is it for the public interest that divorces of this character should be held good? Would it be to recognize and enforce this decree on the ground of comity? Would it tend to strengthen or weaken the ties of marriage and of the family? Would it tend to preserve or destroy the home? There being no doubt upon the evidence that the defendant has been guilty of the statutory cause for divorce, the plaintiff's prayer for an absolute divorce will be granted, and the defendant will be required to pay a reasonable sum by way of alimony, and to make reasonable provision for the support of the minor child, the custody of whom will be given to the plaintiff."

## SOUTHERN GENERAL ILL IN MEMPHIS

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Oct. 28.—Gen. George W. Gordon, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, and Member of Congress from the Tenth Tennessee Congressional district, is seriously ill with heart trouble at his home in this city.

## Wright Air Navigators Undaunted by Winds, and Aeroplane

DRIVEN IN WINDSTORM.  
Type of Wright Biplane in Which Johnstone and Hoxsey Defied Gales at High Altitudes.



ARCHIE HOXSEY,  
Who Today Successfully Flew Back to Field in High Wind, After Being  
Blown 25 Miles Away.

## HEAVY SNOWSTORM VISITS LAKE CITIES

Blizzards Raging In Northwest—Winter Strikes Capital.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Oct. 28.—A heavy gale and snowstorm is raging in Cleveland today. The streets are covered with snow this morning, and a heavy fall was predicted. Storm warnings were flashed over Lake Erie.

Snow in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Oct. 28.—First snow of the season for Chicago and for a number of other places, a temperature below freezing here early this morning, and storms raging in the Northwest and predicted over the Gulf and Atlantic States, have been the weather features in the last twenty-four hours.

Drops Fifteen Degrees.

DUNKIRK, N. Y., Oct. 28.—A high wind has been sweeping Lake Erie during the past twenty-four hours and shipping has been tied up in the local harbor. This morning snow began falling and the temperature dropped fifteen degrees in seven hours.

Light Snow.

ERIE, Pa., Oct. 28.—High winds prevail in this locality with light snow this morning. The temperature is moderate.

Snow in Nashville.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 28.—A light snow fell here this morning, the second fall in Nashville in October in the history of the weather bureau.

Capital's Share.

Washington shivered this morning, and since noon has gloried in the first pronounced cold weather of the autumn.

A cold wave that started from Alaska last Sunday and thence overflowed the United States, bringing snow to the northern border States, and freezing temperatures as far south as Asheville, reached the city this morning, after last night's rain storm, which was dispelled to the northeast.

At 8 o'clock this morning there was a temperature of 44 degrees, below the normal for this season, and for two or three days the temperature will be unseasonably low, but tempered by immaculately fair skies. Frost is predicted for tomorrow morning with a minimum temperature of 35 or 36 degrees.

This morning's cold was a surprise to those who had not lent ear to the Weather Bureau, which last Sunday predicted the decline of today's temperature. In Alaska it opened the season on the home grounds by placing zeros to the credit of all thermometers. The wave dropped down the Pacific coast and in the northwest provinces of Canada and throughout Washington and Montana on to the Great Lakes region drove furies of snow that fell upon subsiding mercuries marking 12 and 14.

The forecast of the Weather Bureau is: "Fair tonight and Saturday; colder tonight, with frost, and minimum temperature of 35 or 36 degrees." Washington had the first frost of autumn last Monday, with a minimum temperature of 37 degrees.

## HOXSEY FLIES BACK TO AVIATION FIELD; BATTLES WITH GALE

Wright Air Conqueror Given  
Rousing Reception on  
Triumphant Return.

## AMERICANS NAMED TO DEFEND TROPHY

Brookins Heads Trio Which Will  
Contest With Foreigners—Selections Cause Adverse Criticism.

### Aviation Events Today, and Winnings

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Hourly distance.....                         | 1:30 to 2:30 |
| Hourly altitude.....                         | 1:30 to 2:30 |
| Hourly distance.....                         | 2:45 to 3:45 |
| Hourly altitude.....                         | 2:45 to 3:45 |
| Daily duration.....                          | 1:30 to 2:30 |
| Fastest flight.....                          | 2:45 to 3:45 |
| Cross-country passenger carrying, 4 o'clock. | 1:30 to 2:30 |
| Grand altitude, 4 o'clock.                   | 2:45 to 3:45 |
| Statue of Liberty flight, 2:45.              |              |

### AVIATORS' WINNINGS.

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| Grahame-White..... | \$1,700 |
| Hoxsey.....        | 1,575   |
| Latham.....        | 1,400   |
| Moissant.....      | 1,200   |
| Drexel.....        | 800     |
| Johnstone.....     | 775     |
| Brookins.....      | 650     |
| Auburn.....        | 650     |
| De Lessups.....    | 600     |
| Radley.....        | 500     |
| Ely.....           | 100     |
| Parmalee.....      | 100     |
| Mars.....          | 100     |
| McCurdy.....       | 50      |
| Willard.....       | 50      |

## AVIATION FIELD, BELMONT PARK, N. Y., Oct. 28.—

Battling for an hour with a wind blowing sixty miles an hour, Archie Hoxsey flew back to the aviation field from Brentwood, L. I., today, and was greeted by thundering cheers from the Americans who had gathered to watch the aviation contest.

Coming in from the northeast at a height of 200 feet, he circled the Statue of Liberty and landed lightly in front of the Wright hangar.

The machine showed no ill effects from the perilous journey of yesterday, when Hoxsey was caught by a gale above the clouds and swept twenty-five miles away. He said, however, that he feared the aeroplane had been strained by the tempestuous voyage, and the mechanics immediately overhauled the machine.

Hoxsey started on his return flight from Brentwood shortly before noon. He rose easily in the cornfield where he landed last evening. A number of small pine trees were cut down to allow the machine clean passage.

Hoxsey reported that the wind at an altitude of 1,500 feet was favorable for the return flight, while it was gusty closer to the earth. Because of this, and because of the fact that the return trip had to be made over an entirely strange country, filled with houses, trees, and other dangerous obstacles, Hoxsey kept to the higher altitude until he reached the aviation ground, and then descended directly in front of the Wright camp.

After an official examination of Hoxsey's barograph, it was announced that his highest altitude during his flight in the gale was 6,309 feet, which is not a record.

Le Blanc Makes Flight.

The wind was blowing at eighteen miles an hour today when the aviators finished preparations for the day's flights.

During a lull in the gale, Grahame-White and LeBlanc, in a 1907 power Bleriot monoplane made a short speed practice flight, averaging about a mile a minute.

LeBlanc's flight was the most thrilling yet made by any Frenchman here. Traveling at least fifty miles an hour LeBlanc negotiated the first pylon with ease. His aeroplane banked gracefully at the turn. Coming into the straight the Frenchman evidently gave his motor a little more gas, for the monoplane seemed to suddenly leap forward and shot past the grandstand at terrific speed.

After traveling round the smaller course six times, LeBlanc guided his new racer toward the hangars, and came down a few feet from his starting point. He was very wet and splashed with oil, but seemed extremely pleased at the behavior of the fourteen-cylinder motor.

"I think I'll be able to give the Wrights a good race," he remarked as he pulled off his goggles.

Grahame-White sent another protest to the aviation committee today regarding the changes in the rules in reference to the Statue of Liberty flight. He asked a reconsideration of the decision overruling him, and said that if unless it were made it would be useless for him to take part in any further competition, though he may make the Statue flight on his own initiative.

American Team Named.

The American defenders of the Gordon Bennett trophy in the coupe internationale d'aviation were announced early today after a session of

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## NOT TO TAKE JOBS OF MARRIED WOMEN

Cleveland, Board Merely Lewis to Be Assistant Attorney General Despite Adverse Comment.

There is no immediate prospect of an upheaval in the governmental departments that may deprive married women of their positions, under the plan which is now being worked out by the President's economy and efficiency board.

This board, commonly known as the Cleveland board, is not engaged in an investigation of the personnel of the Government's roll of employees. The board, instead, is confining its labors to a classification of expenditures, departmental budgets and an analysis of the work being performed by the various bureaus.

The board is making an effort at this time to ascertain whether an employee is married, or whether the employee, if a woman, has a husband. These matters, it was said at the White House today, will be left entirely to the heads of the various departments as heretofore.

Secretary Norton said today that many valuable suggestions relating to the economy program are being received from persons in the Government employ in all sections of the country. The clerks, as well as the heads of bureaus, are making suggestions, and these are being carefully noted at the White House, and by the economy board, of which Frederick Cleveland is chairman.

FRANCE IS INCENSED  
OVER TURKISH LOAN

Dispatches From Constantinople Confirm Report of French Ambassador's Departure.

LONDON, Oct. 28.—Dispatches from Constantinople today confirm the reports of the hasty departure from that city of M. Bompard, the French ambassador.

His action is construed here as a French threat against the consummation of the German loan to Turkey.

Germany is seeking by means of this loan, English diplomats believe, to line up Turkey in opposition to the alliance of England, France and Russia. For this reason, the incident forebodes the gravest complications.

A Paris dispatch says that the foreign office has not recalled Bompard, and that there is no thought in France of severing diplomatic relations with Turkey. An ultimate rupture between France and Turkey would not surprise English officialdom.

TWO BLOWN TO BITS  
BY DYNAMITE CAP

WHEELING, W. Va., Oct. 28.—Two men were blown to bits early today when a dynamite cap exploded on the new waterworks at Kevsac.

The dead:  
JOHN BURKE, American.  
ANTON GILLETTI, Italian.

## NEW WORLD'S RECORD FOR DISTANCE FLIGHT

BRUSSELS, Oct. 28.—The longest continued cross-country aeroplane flight with a passenger was accomplished today by Mathieu, a French aviator, who in a biplane flew from Paris to Brussels, 195 miles, in three hours and thirty minutes.

Mathieu left Paris at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon, and arrived at Brussels at 4 o'clock. He expected to start on the return trip late today.

## SIX HOURS ON WING, EATS MEALS ALOFT

ETEMPE, France, Oct. 28.—Records for both time and distance were broken at the aerodrome here today by Maurice Tabuteau, who, in a Farman biplane, remained aloft six hours and ten minutes, and covered 35 miles. Tabuteau ate two meals "on the wing."

By his wonderful achievement he became the holder of the Michelin Cup.

## POSTMASTER HELD FOR RIFLING MAILS

The Postoffice Department today received a dispatch from Fredericksburg, Va., announcing the arrest of R. Thomas Purkins, postmaster of King George, charged with rifling the mails.

Purkins is alleged to have taken \$1,000. He has been committed to jail. Purkins was appointed November 4, 1905.